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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of:

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For: CONTROL SYSTEM FOR GAS-TURBINE ENGINE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

June 4, 2004

Sir:

This election is being made in response to the Office Action dated May 11, 2004, which stated that the application contained embodiments directed to three (3) distinct groups. The Office Action required the Applicant, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to elect a single disclosed group for prosecution on the merits. The three groups identified in the Office Action are:

- Group I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a gas turbine control system (subcombination) classified in Class 60, subclass 39.281;
- Group II. Claims 10-15, drawn to a glass turbine control system along with venturi apparatus (combination) classified in Class 60, subclass 39.27; and
- Group III. Claims 16-24, drawn to a gas turbine control method classified in Class 60, subclass 773.

Pursuant to the restriction requirement, the Applicant elects the prosecution on the merits of Group I recited in claims 1-9, drawn to a gas turbine control system, classified in Class 60, subclass 39.281.

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With the above election, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in a condition for examination on the merits. An early examination and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

The Applicant hereby reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing attorney docket number 107101-00027.

Respectfully submitted,



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